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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged. The market tone was mixed entering the holiday weekend. Retail demand was moderate to very good, best where features were in progress. Supplies remained adequate to available for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings was fully sufficient to at times ample for the light demand. Breaking schedules were usually normal. Light type fowl were more than adequate for the moderate demand. Processing schedules were noted as less than normal.

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were lower. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady at present trading levels. Retail demand was mixed, usually moderate to very good with feature activity providing the best interest. Loose egg demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades lower. Offerings were fully adequate to at times ample for the mostly light demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment unsettled.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87-96	91-93
LARGE	87-95	89-92
MEDIUM	69-75	72-74

MW Area: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY & Western PA.

IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.		
	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	60-67	62
MEDIUM	46-50	48
SMALL	31-33	

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was mixed entering the weekend. Demand was light to very good, best where consumers shopped for the holiday. Supplies ranged adequate to available for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate for the light demand. Schedules were mostly normal for the upcoming week. Spent hens were generally more than sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as less than normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	92-106	95-99
LARGE	89-103	94-98
MEDIUM	69-82	74-76

NE Area: CT, DC, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, & VT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment remained steady to barely steady. Retail demand moderate to very good, best for last minute feature activity. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades lower. Offerings were fully adequate to at times ample for the mostly light demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment was unsettled.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	93.5-102	95-98
LARGE	92.5-101	94-97
MEDIUM	72.5-81	74-77

SC Area: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, MN, OK & TX.

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending sharply lower on all sizes. The market tone was mixed entering the holiday weekend. Retail demand was moderate to good. Supplies were fully adequate to occasionally available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient for the light demand. Breaking schedules were mostly normal. Light type fowl were more than adequate for the moderate demand. Processing schedules were reduced.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	94.5-124.25	96-99
LARGE	93-122.25	94-97
MEDIUM	71.5-101.25	72-76

SE Area: AL, FL, GA, MNS, NC, SC, Eastern TN & Southern VA.

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, White eggs in cartones, delivered store door, cents per dozen.

**CHICAGO AND MIDWEST** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Retail demand was moderate to good. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were available.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	93-101	95-97
LARGE	92-100	93-96
MEDIUM	74-83	77-79

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

**NEW YORK** . Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mixed entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to good, best where features for the holiday were in progress. Supplies were fully adequate to at times available for immediate trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	93-97
LARGE	91-95
MEDIUM	75-79

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 10- 11 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 8 cents lower on medium. Retailer demand good. Floor stocks clearing.

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak with asking prices for next week 11 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 8 cents lower on medium and small. Retailer demand good. Floor stocks clearing, occasionally better than earlier dire predictions. Small benchmark price 91. Easter ads in Southern California: major- large dozen 99 with coupon limit 1, in store features large dozen 149, 18 pack 2 for \$3; smaller outlets- extra large 20 pack 99-199, 2 for \$5, large dozen 118, cage free 149, 18 pack 2 for \$4, medium dozen 99.

**CALIFORNIA:** California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	139
EXTRA LARGE	138
LARGE	130
MEDIUM	111

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:** PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	121-128
EXTRA LARGE	119-126
LARGE	117-120
MEDIUM	98-101

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	279-299
EXTRA LARGE	269-359
LARGE	239-269
MEDIUM	199-229

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades 4 cents lower. Offerings were fully adequate to occasionally ample while demand was mostly light as potential buyers test the market. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment was unsettled.

Prices paid, material exchanged, 30 dozen case equivalent, 48 lb., minimum net weight, delivered to breakers, cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	57-63	61-63
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	48-54	48-50

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Mostly prices were sharply lower when compared to early week trading. The undertone remained unsettled as traders continue to watch further market developments. Supplies were fully adequate for mostly normal breaking schedules. Demand remained light as offerings were anticipated to be available after the weekend. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 03-Apr-2004 were 5% higher than the previous week, and 9% more than the same week a year ago.

Prices paid, material exchanged, 30 dozen case equivalent, 48 lb., minimum net weight, delivered to breakers, cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	58-64	60-63
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	47-54	48-52

EASTERN REGION AREA:

AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 03-Apr-04**  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,197,986	29,072	10,845	5,875	2,283	4,178
PW	1,188,239	29,064	11,047	5,897	2,138	4,113
LY	1,104,923	27,128	10,037	5,180	1,721	4,132
% CHG PW	1	0	-2	0	7	2
% CHG LY	8	7	8	13	33	1

2004	15,143,237	360,704	144,289	80,416	33,062	53,177
2003	14,481,699	352,769	131,217	72,459	30,483	53,675
% CHG YTD	5	2	10	11	8	-1

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -			
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.71	42.18	42.06
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.22	38.72	38.32

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized whites reported from 83 to 86 cents fob, mostly 86 cents fob, with pasteurized salt yolk reported from 58.5 to 64 cents fob. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak for whole egg, steady to mostly barely steady on yolk and steady for whites. Liquid demand for the majority of breakers was light to fair at best while a few reported stronger business. Offerings were adequate for all liquid products. Breaking stock prices continued sharply lower when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	9	59.5-67	62.50	-10.67
WHITES	12	77	77.00	-.18
YOLKS	5	57-59	58.20	-3.55

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Prices generally trended slightly higher on whites, but lower on whole and yolks when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was steady on whites, barely steady on yolks and barely steady to weak on whole. Demand was light and unaggressive with buyers continuing to watch further market developments. Offerings were clearing on whites, available on whole, and balanced to available on yolks. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 03 Apr 2004 were 1% more than the previous week, and 4% more than last year.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	(MIN. 25 CONT.) MOSTLY	LTL RANGE
WHOLE	74-89	77-84	84-91
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		92-105
WHITES	88-93	88-92	94-99
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	68-76	71-74	76-90
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	66-73	69-71	73-80

(/)- Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 20-32% egg solids.

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg prices range 4 to 5 cents lower, whites ranged unchanged to down 1 cent, sugared yolk decreased 1 to 3 cents, and salt yolk declined 1 to 4 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak for whole egg, generally steady for whites and barely steady for salt and sugar yolk. Demand was reported as fair at best on frozen products as buyers watch related shell egg markets. Floor stocks adequate to close on frozen products. Breaking stock prices were sharply lower when compared to last week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	77-81	77-79
WHITES	88-92	90-92
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	69-77	70-72
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	68-74	68-70

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices were 5 cents lower on whole, 4 cents lower on yolks, and unchanged on whites. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 4/3 was 4% more than the previous week. Frozen demand was fairly good with freezer stocks light.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	83-86
WHITES	94-97
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	76-79
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	74-77

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT** Prices generally trended unchanged to higher on albumen, about unchanged on yolks, and usually lower on whole and blends when compared to a week earlier. Trucklot trading was limited but improved. Demand was moderate to light. The undertone was barely steady to steady on yolks, very unsettled on whole, and generally steady with some caution noted on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 03 Apr 2004 were 7% more than the previous week, and 33% more than last year. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 8% more than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, trucklot & less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	3.10-3.45	MOSTLY 3.15-3.25
YOLKS	1.60-2.05	MOSTLY 1.65-1.70
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	6.80-7.35	MOSTLY 7.00-7.25
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.98-2.45	MOSTLY 2.00-2.11

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES\*** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APRIL 2, 2004-APRIL 8, 2004

CURRENT LOADS 85.75								FUTURE LOADS 68.50								TOTAL LOADS 154.25							
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	68.00	73.75	69.50	68.53	70.00	71.00	15.50	GL W J	72.00	--	--	GL W J	72.00	--	--	GL W J	72.00	--	--	GL W J	72.00	--	--
GNR W 3	--	--	--	48.00	--	55.00	2.00	GL W XL	72.00	73.50	72.00	GL W XL	72.00	73.50	72.00	GL W XL	72.00	73.50	72.00	GL W XL	72.00	73.50	72.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	87.00	1.00	GL W LG	--	72.00	--	GL W LG	--	72.00	--	GL W LG	--	72.00	--	GL W LG	--	72.00	--
GL W J	--	--	--	--	63.33	--	4.25	GL W MD	59.00	--	52.75	GL W MD	59.00	--	52.75	GL W MD	59.00	--	52.75	GL W MD	59.00	--	52.75
GL W XL	--	75.75	79.42	80.59	66.77	72.77	48.50	NRBS - 48	--	--	--	NRBS - 48	--	--	--	NRBS - 48	--	--	--	NRBS - 48	--	--	--
GL W LG	--	82.57	70.08	77.29	64.18	73.00	34.25	NRBS - 39	48.00	--	--	NRBS - 39	48.00	--	--	NRBS - 39	48.00	--	--	NRBS - 39	48.00	--	--
GL W MD	62.00	--	60.33	61.33	--	56.00	7.25																
GL W SM	48.00	49.50	50.25	51.50	43.00	46.00	4.25																
NRBS - 48	58.00	--	--	--	61.43	65.47	64.00																
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	62.00	6.00																

\*Weighted average prices are listed for various classes priced by origin and/or destination for 6 regions. The loads column reflects total loads reported and includes loads with prices to be determined later. NRBS categories represent net weight-material may or may not be included. Load movement represents total movement within 6 regions.

### LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL  
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS  
(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER  
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Majority prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate. Offering of spent fowl were generally more than sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules less than normal. Opinions on removal cost were steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-12	8.5-10.5

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Bookings were too few to report. Demand was light for spent hens. Schedules easily serviced a fair call for finished product. Salvage costs were expected to remain unchanged.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS** Costs for removal were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate while offerings continue adequate to slightly more available as spent hens are scheduled for removal after the Easter holiday. Opinions of value were steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4.5-10.5	4.5-5

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules heavier. Offerings ample.

### COMBINED REGIONAL SHELL EGGS

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	97.00	96.00	75.00
SOUTHEAST	97.50	95.50	74.00
MIDWEST	92.00	90.50	73.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	96.50	95.50	75.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	95.76	94.41	74.43
COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS			

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Sales were too few to report on heavy canners. Light canners were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for lights; fair to moderate for heavies with most available supplies being used internally. Limited offerings were clearing satisfactorily. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-31 MAJORITY 25.5-26	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
27-32 MAJORITY 27.5-28.5	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

### LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 03-Apr-04

#### U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

(PRELIMINARY)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,234	1,172	2,406
LAST WEEK	1,254	1,222	2,476
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,801	1,347	3,148
TO-DATE/2004	16,508	16,378	32,886
TO-DATE/2003	22,005	17,662	39,667

#### U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	211	0	211
LAST WEEK	216	0	216
SAME WEEK YR AGO	331	0	331
TO-DATE/2004	3,000	40	3,040
TO-DATE/2003	4,053	49	4,102

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

#### TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,445	1,172	2,617
LAST WEEK	1,470	1,222	2,692
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,132	1,347	3,479
TO-DATE/2004	19,508	16,418	35,926
TO-DATE/2003	26,058	17,711	43,769

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending March 27, 2004		Year-To-Date	
Type	2004	2003 /1	2004 2003
LIQUID	287	202	2,026 2,333
FROZEN	0	0	0 14
DRIED	0	0	154 135
TOTAL	287	202	2,180 2,482

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending March 27, 2004		Year-To-Date	
Type	2004	2003 /1	2004 2003
LIQUID	38	124	1,110 1,505
FROZEN	7	113	207 1,080
DRIED	39	40	674 280
TOTAL	84	277	1,991 2,865

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending March 27, 2004		Year-To-Date	
Type	2004	2003 /1	2004 2003
JUMBO	0	76	50 76
EXTRA LARGE	0	750	2,700 990
LARGE	0	60	11,053 5,653
MEDIUM	1,590	2,594	9,870 12,252
UNGRADED	4,446	0	19,434 1,470
MISC	2,954	630	2,954 2,412
TOTAL	8,990	4,110	46,061 22,853

/1Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.  
Data Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.  
Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)**  
**SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 04/05/04	3,123	182,868	40,646
AM 03/01/04	3,548	169,441	39,330
CHG	-425	13427	1316
PCT CHG	-12%	8%	3%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of February 29, 2004 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on April 1, 2004 are:

FROZEN EGGS	19 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	516 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	577 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**EGG PRODUCTS**

Shell Eggs Broken Up 7 Percent

Shell eggs broken totaled 142 million dozen during February 2004, up 7 percent from February a year ago.

February 2004 contained 29 days due to leap year. February 2004 also contained 20 weekdays including 1 holiday, and four Saturdays, the same as February 2003.

During calendar year 2004, shell eggs broken totaled 288 million dozen, up 1 percent from the 286 million dozen broken in 2003. Total edible liquid from eggs broken in 2004 was 2.25 million pounds, down slightly from 2003.

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 03-Apr-2004

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW LY
ATLANTA	31.3	27.8	13 26
BOSTON	3.3	3.3	0 -6
CHICAGO	79.6	75.4	6 35
DETROIT	41.7	29.5	41 80
KANSAS CITY	12.5	3.1	303 16
LOS ANGELES	88.2	86.4	2 9
NEW ORLEANS	8.7	8.3	5 -32
NEW YORK	30.1	31.8	-5 -3
ST. LOUIS	23.2	17.4	33 36
SAN FRANCISCO	22.1	17.2	28 0
TOTAL	340.7	300.2	13 19
4 WK MVG AVG	305.7		

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

W/E 03-Apr-04

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW LY
N. ATLANTIC	228.6	-1 4
E.N. CENTRAL	566.6	-4 0
W.N. CENTRAL	306.7	5 0
S. ATLANTIC	187.7	-1 -2
S. CENTRAL	111.5	15 5
WEST	190.8	13 8
TOTAL	1591.9	2 2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		85 85

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**

Apr 06, 2004

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	145 -	139 -	111 -	76 -
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	139-143 141-142	133-137 135-136	105-109 107-108	70-74 72-73
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	144-148 144	138-142 138	110-114 110	75-79 75
VERMONT MOSTLY	145-148 148	139-142 142	111-114 114	- -

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**U.S. MONTHLY INVENTORY OF DRIED EGG SOLIDS AS OF MARCH 31, 2004**  
**COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS**

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR	% CHANGE
<b>WHOLE</b>			
PLAIN	927,882	3	-38
FREE FLOWING	1,394,904	4	-69
BLEND	1,196,030	2	-26
<b>WHITE</b>			
(ALBUMEN)	3,156,241	-16	-61
BLEND	89,350	-14	-56
<b>YOLK</b>			
PLAIN	2,010,628	-16	-9
BLEND	41,787	3	-52
FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)	2,143,781	-16	-54
<b>TOTAL</b>	10,960,603	-11	-52

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION: FEBRUARY 29, 2004 - MARCH 27, 2004 TOTAL 8,910,000 POUNDS.

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 Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plants from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on previous reports.  
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